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For: **IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS WITH FUNCTION OF ADJUSTING INCIDENT
LIGHT QUANTITY**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 28, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire February 28, 2004.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and add new claims 5-11 as shown in Attachment "A".



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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response and Amendment with Attachment "A".

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is required and has not been separately requested herein, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a request for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

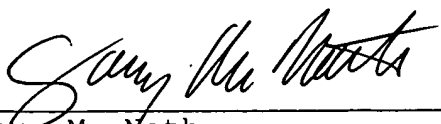
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Respectfully submitted,

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